

**REMARKS**

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-2, 4-9, and 11-18 are allowed.

Claims 3 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, only allowed claims remain.

The present amendment is fully responsive to the pending Official Action. A Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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